Tyneside Welcome Delights The King and Queen

Fastest Battleship Leaves Slips

Royal Couple See Arms Works Secrets

By James Lansdale Hodson

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Tuesday Night.

HE King and Queen have been delighted by their great welcome to Tyneside and the tremendous success of r first day's tour. "The King," Earl Stanhope, First d of the Admiralty, told me, "is awfully pleased."

Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Labour—these two have m Ministers-in-Attendance—remarked from time to e "This has been a great day." It assuredly has.

morable moments abounded, mest when Britain's newest fastest battleship, the King ge V.—or "The K G Five" as men call her who built her at Walker shipyard—slid with hitch down her slipways into murky waters.

roar she made was drowned rs and the band blaring "Rule rtania."

had stood under her bows, towered 60 feet above, while brass band played Scottish jigs, hundred hammers chinked as ers splintered the chock which ge and giant gantries moved wind.

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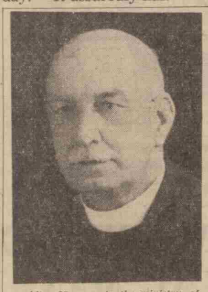
ed in a cluster of naval and mili- forms, and enough top hats for ddenly, loud bursts of cheering King stands on the dais in the of Admiral of the Fleet, his face looking taut, with the Queen Europe carrying a sheaf of red

ore Work for Tyne

The Admiralty have decided to trust the construction of two ew battleships to Vickers-Arm- ong, Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne, Cammell Laird and Co., Ltd., enhead.

ue will be built in the berth ated by the King George V. esiders are overjoyed at the spect of more work.



After 50 years in the ministry, of which 33 have been spent as Vicar of St. Thomas's, Wincobank, Sheffield, the Rev. L. H. Crowther is to retire at the end of this month. He will have the satisfaction of leaving St. Thomas's free from all debt.

A presentation is to be made to Mr. Crowther on Friday night at 8.30, and he will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday. He is planning to live at Cardiff, where he has a married daughter.

Mr. Crowther is a native of Halifax. He was ordained deacon in 1887 by the Bishop of Ripon, and priest in 1889 by the Bishop of Wakefield. Before coming to Wincobank he held curacies at Dodworth, Leeds, Cottingham, and Ecclesfield.

Will Stay in Brussels

Food Controller Resigns

SIR REGINALD FORD has resigned his position as Food Controller for London and the Home Counties.

This follows a storm of controversy which arose over Sir Reginald's residence in Brussels, and he has intimated that he intends to remain there.

Announcing Sir Reginald's resignation in the House of Commons, yesterday, Mr. Oliver Stanley said:

"I asked Sir Reginald Ford to come and see me at the end of last week in order that I might discuss the debate in the House of Commons.

IN NATIONAL INTEREST

"Sir Reginald was particularly disturbed at the suggestion made that the continuance of his tenure of office under existing circumstances might act as a handicap on the National Service recruiting campaign.

"He informed me, however he had definitely decided to remain in Brussels, and wished, therefore, in the national interest, immediately to resign his office.

"He assured me he remained at the service of the Government in any capacity, whether for consultation or in an emergency.

"I can only express my appreciation of his public spirit and my regret at the position in which he has been placed."

Sir Isidore Salmon, M.P. for Harrow, is being freely tipped as the Government's new food controller (writes a political correspondent).

It is expected that he will be elevated to the Peerage on being appointed.

400 Old Folk Entertained

Hoyland Common, West Bank and Upper Hoyland Old People's Treat Committee, which claims to be the oldest organisation of its kind in the district, set up a new record yesterday when it gave a party for nearly 400 old people and widows.

The guests were given tea and gifts, and in the evening were entertained by local artists.

ARABS LESS EXTREME IN DEMANDS

Value of Mandate Recognised

HALFWAY STAGE REACHED

From Our Political Correspondent

ALTHOUGH the Jewish and Arab delegates at the Palestine Conferences have not found common ground, the Arabs have moved a little from their first extreme position and have come nearer to an appreciation of the case for leaving the British Government as protector of Palestine with a power and mandate to intervene.

So when the British Government propounds its own solution, it may receive a much greater measure of acceptance than the Grand Mufti will relish.

The Turks, the old masters of Palestine, are not represented at the conference but may behind the scenes give the Arabs good advice.

The Turks know they cannot get Palestine back again, and they prefer that the British should hold it in the centre of a circle of friendly Arab states as a barrier to the eastward ambitions of Germany.

TALKS WITH JEWS

Preliminary talks with the Jews have now concluded, and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald and Mr. Butler will report to the Prime Minister. It is expected that a further meeting between British Government representatives and the Jewish delegation will take place on Friday.

It is thought that the preliminary negotiations on the Arab case will be completed to-day.

It was announced yesterday that the Lord Chancellor will preside over the British-Arab Committee to examine the McMahon correspondence.

McMAHON LETTERS

The much discussed McMahon letters, on which the Arabs base their case for Arab independence for Palestine will probably be published towards the end of the week as a white paper.

The letters, never before published, officially contain what the Arabs call the "McMahon pledge."

Sir Henry McMahon, High Commissioner in Egypt in 1915, negotiated with Sherif Hussein of Mecca, and in June, 1916, he declared war on the Turks.

The Arabs maintain that it was the intention in the "pledge" to include Palestine in the area in which Arab independence was promised. But Sir Henry in July, 1937, declared that this was not intended.

The desire to get an agreed translation has delayed publication of the correspondence.

SYRIAN DEMAND FOR INDEPENDENCE

DAMASCUS, Tuesday.

Mazhar Pasha Raslame, one of the leaders of the Nationalist Bloc, was requested to-day by the President of the Syrian Republic, Hashem Bek El Attassy to attempt to form a new Government. He has agreed to undertake the task.

The Moderate Government of Jemil Mardam Bey resigned on Saturday following popular demonstrations against the failure of France to ratify the 1936 Franco-Syrian Treaty providing for complete Syrian independence in 1940.—Reuter.

ARAB DELEGATES AT SHIRE HORSE SHOW

THREE members of the Arab Delegation now in London, yesterday gave farmers a surprise when they paid an unexpected visit to the Shire Horse Show at the Agricultural Hall.

They were Emir Feisal, Arabian Minister for Foreign Affairs; Emir Khalid, his brother, and Sheik Hafiz Washba, Arabian Minister in England.

They entered the judging ring with the Duke of Devonshire, Under-Secretary for the Dominions, Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, the Minister of Agriculture, and officials of the Shire Horse Society.

Several horses were specially paraded. Bower Winalot, a ten-year-old bay stallion which carried off the coveted challenge cup in 1932-3 and 4, and has not appeared since, was placed first in the class for stallions of five years old and upwards.

The President of the Society, Mr. J. Maurice Belcher, of Willington, Shropshire, carried off awards in many classes.

LOCAL SUCCESSES

STALLIONS.—One year old: 4—Chatsworth Royal Mitch, exhibited by the Duke of Devonshire, bred by W. R. Wilson, Clay Cross.—4 year old, 5—Edingale Minto, bred by P. Norbury, Minton, Derby.—16 hands, 3 inches high and over, five years old and upwards (sealed premium in 1935).—3, Edingale Surprise, exhibited by Thomas Balderston and Son, New York, Lincs.—7, Pythalle Surprise, bred by George Stotts, Doddyke, Lincoln.

GELDING four years old, 3—Birkwood Flash, exhibited by Arthur Lindley, Normanton, and bred by Andrew Mammatt, Rentier, Doncaster; reserve, Darkie, exhibited by Alfred Duckitt, West Hardwick, Wakefield.—Over 16 hands 3 inches, five years old and upwards, 2, Kendale Medlar, exhibited by O. T. Best, Driffield, Yorks.; 5, Newark, exhibited by C. and M. Barker, Helmsley, Yorks, and bred by Uriah Bakery, Silkstone Common, Barnsley.

FOURTH LORRY LOAD OF FOOD

City's Fine Response to Spanish Appeal

The fourth and last lorry of food and clothes, collected by the Sheffield Foodship Council for the people of Spain, will leave Sheffield about 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Thus ends the present appeal for assistance for the starving Spanish people.

Food, milk and clothes have been the principal gifts. More than 8,000 tins of milk and foodstuffs have been collected. In many instances firms have given several cases of tinned goods and one Sheffield business man gave 50 suits of clothing.

All the work has been done voluntarily, and there have not been any overhead expenses for even the collecting headquarters in High Street were secured rent free.

PLENTY OF PLEASURE was captured by these revellers at the Sheffield C.I.D. dance at Castle Green last night. [TELEGRAPH AND INDEPENDENT PHOTO.

CITY WHOLESALERS' DINNER

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CHIEF GUESTS at last night's dinner of the Sheffield and District Wholesale Fruit and Potato Merchants' Association. Included are Mr. A. Jackson (local president) and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. J. W. White (National President), Alderman E. G. Rowlinson and Mrs. Rowlinson, Mr. E. B. Gibson (Town Clerk) and Mrs. Gibson.

EFFORTS TO LINK UP FITNESS GROUPS

City Education Committee May Make Grants Towards Scheme

STRENUOUS efforts are being made in Sheffield to co-ordinate the activities of the many voluntary organisations concerned in the welfare of juveniles and adolescents with a view to equipping Sheffield to play its full part in the national fitness drive.

The Education Committee is behind the movement, which aims eventually at the establishment of a joint committee representative of the Education Committee and the voluntary organisations to direct operations.

When the scheme is sufficiently advanced it is expected that the Education Committee will make grants to foster and assist the work of the different voluntary organisations—90 per cent. of the grants being recoverable from the Government.

One suggestion is that the joint committee should include representatives of many different organisations such as the Boys' Brigade, the Scouts, the Y.M.C.A., the Girl Guides, Toc H, hockey, swimming and other sports associations, as well as men and women specially qualified by experience of work among young people.

SPORTS FACILITIES

Another suggestion is that the associations should meet and appoint a certain number of delegates to represent all.

Concern is felt that only 22 per cent. of the children who left Sheffield schools last year attended evening classes afterwards.

Many of the others, it is thought, are associated with various voluntary organisations. The object of the scheme is for the Education Committee to assist these organisations in providing facilities for sport and education which they could not afford alone.

Within the scope of the scheme would be the provision of playing fields, swimming baths, clubs, community centres for indoor recreations and hobbies, camping facilities, and libraries.

It is suggested that the joint committee should be called the Juvenile Organisations Committee, and that a full-time secretary should be appointed by the Education Committee.

In addition, the Education Committee would assist in the provision of instructors at clubs and community centres.

SUPREME RACHMANINOFF

He Had to Play the Famous Prelude

By Our Music Critic

AT the end of his recital in Sheffield City Hall last night, Rachmaninoff was given a great ovation.

The applause was loud, enthusiastic, and prolonged, and the master pianist was recalled time after time to play first "Liebestraum," then a Chopin waltz, and Tchaikovsky's "Troika."

Still his audience waited, and at last were given their reward.

There are, no doubt, times when Rachmaninoff must wish that he were not the author of the piece which first brought him fame, but, after all, the desire to hear it from his own fingers is natural enough, especially on the part of those who are experiencing the spell of his power and personality for the first time.

And he does play the Prelude as if it were fresh from the pen.

LESS AUSTERE BACH

His programme last night was not designed to woo an audience by a display of the superficial qualities of the pianist's art, although it was built on the lines not only familiar but almost inevitable 30 years ago.

It began with Bach, continued with Beethoven and Schumann, and ended with Liszt.

But if the names were familiar the music in every case was not.

Of Bach, Rachmaninoff had chosen the Italian Concerto, which, though it was kept admirably within the bounds of the older classical style by the player's crispness of touch and clearness of execution, had not the severity of aspect which Rachmaninoff so often brings to the music of this period.

His austerity of manner was relaxed so far as to allow the music a genial warmth of expression, especially in the slow movement, a charming cantilena.

His choice of Beethoven, too, was not one of the well-known show pieces, but the monumental work which brought the series of sonatas to a remarkable close.

The first movement was expounded with noble strength and clarity, but it was in the second movement that Rachmaninoff was heard at his finest.

THE ROMANTICS

This movement, which has been described as "the utmost refinement imaginable of a highly developed variation form," was informed with a warmth of feeling and an infinite variety of tone and colour which heightened both interest and enjoyment without any lessening of the music's stature and power.

After Beethoven, Rachmaninoff turned to the romanticism of Schumann with obvious relish, and played the *Phantasie Stücke* Op. 12 with a brilliant and spontaneous energy and rapidly-changing mood.

In Chopin, four of the Etudes from Op. 25, and in Liszt, Rachmaninoff exploited a touch of rare beauty, full, rich and sonorous, yet capable of the most rapid flights and feats of both dexterity and delicacy.

The *Gnomenreigen* of Liszt was an example of manificently controlled technique.

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LABOUR INSPIRED BY METHODISM

Addressing the Men's Own at the Victoria Hall, Sheffield, last night, the president, the Rev. E. Benson Perkins, said that right from its beginning the Methodist Church had been conscious of the social value of Christianity and had made no small contribution in that direction.

Mentioning that Labour and trade union leaders had in many cases derived inspiration from the Methodist Church, he instanced the case of Alderman Frank Thraves, former Lord Mayor of Sheffield.

Alderman Thraves, said Mr. Perkins, discovered a passion for social righteousness in the Church.

Whole Cities Ablaze in Next War

THE risk of great cities being set ablaze—comparably only with the great fire of London—in attacks from the air by incendiary bombs is regarded by those in charge of national defences as one of the gravest dangers in the event of an outbreak of war.

Speaking yesterday at a conference of architects, Mr. E. L. Bird, M.C., A.R.I.B.A., pointed out that no part of the British Isles was immune from the menace of the bombing aeroplane, as it would be possible even to bomb American towns from this country.

Some of the armour piecing bombs would go through six feet of concrete.

"We are particularly vulnerable in this country in the case of incendiary bombs, because of our habit of having wooden or no fire-resisting materials in the roofs.

"The risk of a great city going on fire is very considerable."

The incendiary bomb burned at a temperature higher than the melting point of steel.

The conclusion of the Home Office was that little gas was likely to be used because of its great scarcity.

DOG'S BARKING RAISES ALARM

Sheffield Man Found Gassed

How a dog barking raised the suspicion of neighbours and led to the discovery of its master dead in a gas-filled room was described yesterday at the inquest on Thomas Henry Beckett, of 23, Arthur Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield. A verdict of suicide was returned.

Alice Harrison, a neighbour, said Beckett lived with his mother to whom he was very attached. Last week she was taken to the Sheffield City General Hospital, and Beckett had since been very depressed.

On Monday she and her husband heard Beckett's dog barking, and at night they told a policeman. Next morning a policeman said Beckett had been found gassed.

Police-constable Young said he found Beckett on the floor in one of the upstairs rooms. There was a strong smell of gas in the room, and the gas was turned on. A diary in a man's coat suggested an unbalanced mind.

Medical evidence showed Beckett had died from asphyxia due to inhaling coal gas.

BEST MEN LOST TO INDUSTRY

Diverted at School by Academic Trend

VIEWS OF CITY BUILDING CHIEF

From Our Own Correspondent

LONDON, Tuesday.

MR. W. H. FORSDIKE, managing director of W. and A. Forsdike, of Sheffield, and president of the Institute of Builders for the second time, speaking at the annual dinner of the Institute held in the Banqueting Hall of the Carpenters' Company, in London, to-night, referred to the necessity of technical education as distinct from purely academical instruction if industry is to get the best brains.

"The Institute has realised with others," he said, "how readily some of the best technical brains of the country may be deflected from an industrial career through an academic trend in the secondary schools, and welcomes the report of the Spens Committee recommending a new type of higher school of technical character wholly distinct from the traditional academic secondary school, and accorded in every respect equality of status with schools of that type."

CLOSE CO-OPERATION

He said that the industry had learnt from its experience how large was the field of building technology, how much it called for the advice and assistance of all good builders, and how much architects and builders needed the closest co-operation.

"The Institute," he said, "is no enemy of specialisation, or of the specialist, or of his structural science, whether in materials or methods—on the contrary.

"It does, however, realise there are grounds for the uninstructed opinion of laymen and for the informed view of architects and builders, that in pursuit of utilitarian economy and efficiency with a main regard for price the next generation is growing up in ignorance of beauty in architecture and craftsmanship in building, because I fear very little will exist save in a few museum pieces.

"The Institute sees in the schools the ill consequences of the ebb and flow of unstable industrial conditions; the need for maintaining there a stable policy both as to numbers and as to education in harmony with the prospective needs of industry and its evolution in architecture and building practice.

EXTINCTION OF CRAFTS

"It sees in the schools how a trend to treat building as a structural science in particular materials and forms may operate to the neglect and extinction of various crafts contributing to the expression of architectural art in forms and materials certainly no less appropriate to our country."

In conclusion, Mr. Forsdike said those values to which he had referred would be secured to our enjoyment and benefit only when qualified architects and qualified builders, with a full regard for their respective functions, co-operated in removing those features in our business relationships which discounted efficiency and protected incompetence.

SHEFFIELD C.I.D. HOLD DANCE

The parade hall at Sheffield Police Headquarters, Castle Geen, was last night transformed into an ideal dance floor for the Shrove Tuesday dance of the Criminal Investigation Department. The decorations had been made by policewomen and members of the C.I.D.

Dancing was to the police's own dance band, and the proceeds went to Sheffield Police Recreation Society. Among those present was Chief Superintendent F. Bristow, Superintendent A. Allen (Chief of the C.I.D.), ex-Superintendent C. Flint and Mrs. Flint, Superintendent W. Parnham and Mrs. Parnham, and Mrs. F. Thraves.

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